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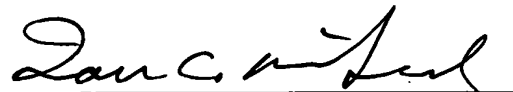
REMARKS

Claims 23, 24 and new Claims 25 to 29 are pending. Claims 1 to 22 have been cancelled.

Independent Claim 23 has been amended to cover succinic acid, salts and esters as set forth at page 5, lines 1 to 3 of the specification. New Claim 25 covers the diammonium succinate of the Examples. Claims 26 to 29 cover other species of Claim 23. Claim 24 was indicated to be allowable in parent application Serial No. 10/346,638, filed January 17, 2003.

It is believed that Claims 23, 24 and new Claim 25 to 29 are in condition for allowance. Notice of Allowance is requested.

Respectfully,



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